

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 286 - SB 451**

March 19, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all individuals who operate emergency fire or medical response vehicles to be at least 18 years of age, have completed a Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) driver training course, and pass training standards as set by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards (TCFPS) prior to driving such vehicle on an emergency run.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$45,000 Highway Fund**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* –**

**Net Impact – Exceeds \$500,000 One-Time**

**Less than \$100,000 Recurring**

Assumptions:

- An increase in state expenditures for the salary, benefits and operational expenses for one position in TDOT to inspect and approve driver training courses.
- Any increase in state expenditures to TCFPS to set training standards will be not significant.
- The completion of a driver training course will be a one-time requirement. Current law, TCA 55-8-194, requires annual training and the passage of an annual examination.
- Approximately 10,000 current local government personnel will have to complete a driver training course under the provisions of this bill.
- A one-time increase in local government expenditures to pay fees for current employees who must take the driver training course.
- A recurring increase in local government expenditures to pay fees for new personnel to take the driver training course.
- If the training results in fewer accidents and lower insurance premiums, there will be a decrease in local government expenditures.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director